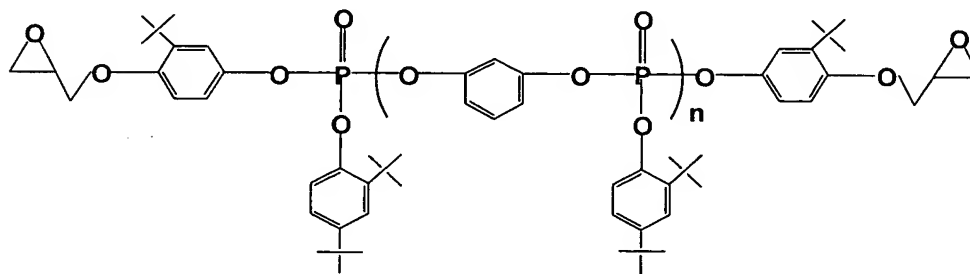


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

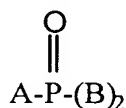
1. A phosphorus-containing epoxy monomer of formula (I),



(I)

5 wherein n is 1 or 2.

2. A phosphorus-containing diamine hardening agent of formula (II):

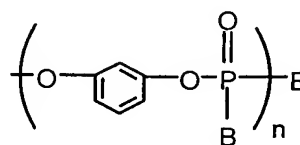


(II)

10 wherein A is

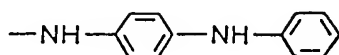


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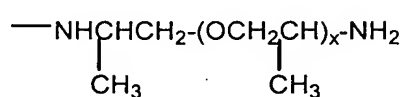


n is 1 or 2,

B is



or

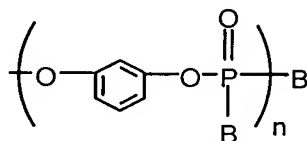


X is 2 or 3.

15 3. The hardening agent as claimed in claim 2, wherein A is the following group.

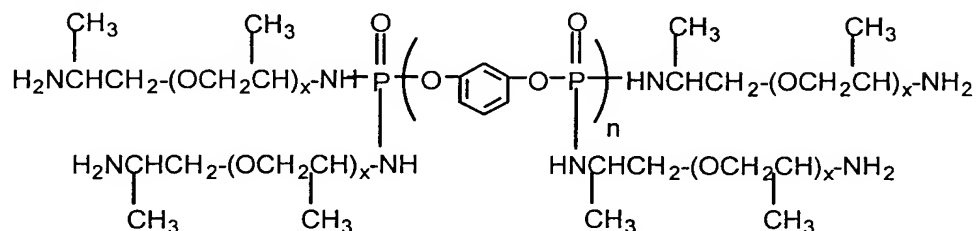


4. The hardening agent as claimed in claim 2, wherein A is the following group,



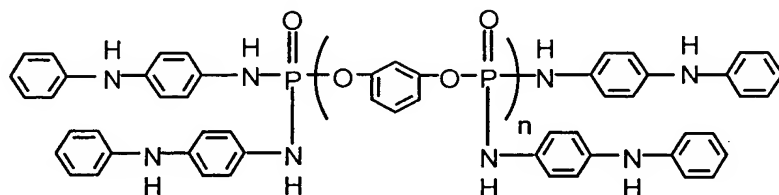
n and B is defined as claim 2.

5. The hardening agent as claimed in claim 2, which is a compound of formula (II-1).



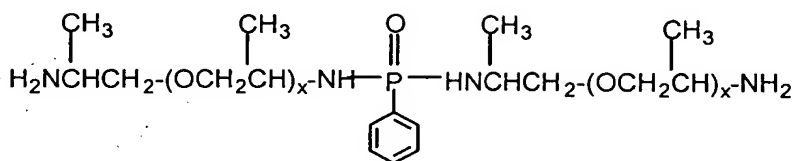
(II-1)

6. The hardening agent as claimed in claim 2, which is a compound of formula (II-2).



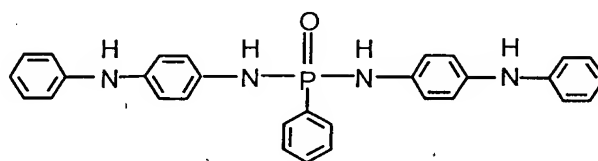
(II-2)

7. The hardening agent as claimed in claim 2, which is a compound of formula (II-3).



(II-3)

8. The hardening agent as claimed in claim 2, which is a compound of formula (II-4).



(II-4)

5 9. A flame-retardant epoxy compositions, comprising (a) said phosphorus-containing diamine hardening agent of formula (II) as claimed in claim 2 and (b) epoxy monomers.

10 10. The composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein said epoxy monomers are said phosphorus-containing epoxy monomers of formula (I) as claimed in claim 9.